

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action of February 7, 2008.

Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Third Response, claims 1-24 and 26-33 remain pending in this application. Claims 1 and 26 are directly amended herein, and claim 25 is canceled via the amendments set forth herein. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

Claims 2-6 and 24-26 have been indicated as allowable by the outstanding Office Action if such claims are rewritten to include the limitations of their respective base claims. Accordingly, pending claim 26 has been amended herein to include the features of its base claim 1, and Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 26 be withdrawn. Further, claim 1 has been amended to include the features of allowable claim 25. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1, as amended, is allowable. The remaining non-allowed claims 2-6 and 24 include the features of allowable claim 1. Thus, claims 2-6 and 24 are allowable as a matter of law. *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

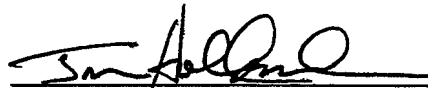
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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